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July 1, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:  
VALINDA AVENUE GREENING PROJECT  
ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT RIGHTS OF WAY  
ADJACENT TO VALINDA AVENUE FROM AMAR ROAD TO PUENTE CREEK  
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 77502  
PROJECT I.D. NO. FCC0001076  
UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF VALINDA  
(FIRST DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

The project is one in a series of greening projects in the First District. The improvements will include landscaping, bio-swale with water quality enhancing features, and approximately 2,100 linear feet of meandering walking path from Amar Road to Puente Creek in the unincorporated community of Valinda.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Approve Capital Project No. 77502 revised scope of work, schedule and total project budget of \$1,430,500 for the design and construction of a greening project on Los Angeles County Flood Control District rights of way adjacent to Valinda Avenue, from Amar Road to Puente Creek in Valinda, and direct the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to deliver the project.

2. Adopt the plans and specifications for Valinda Avenue Greening Project, from Amar Road to Puente Creek, at an estimated construction cost between \$825,000 to \$975,000.
3. Call for construction contract bids to be received by July 29, 2008.
4. Instruct the Executive Officer of your Board to advertise the project, seal and return the plans and specifications to the Department of Public Works for filing.
5. Authorize the Acting Director of Public Works, or his designee, to award and execute a contract with the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder, approve the Faithful Performance for Labor and Material Bonds submitted by the contractor, and deliver the project.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended actions will approve the revised project scope, schedule and budget, and allow the Department of Public Works (Public Works) to proceed with the solicitation of construction contract bids for the Valinda Avenue Greening Project, Capital Project (C.P.) No. 77502, and authorize the Acting Director of Public Works, or his designee, to deliver the project.

On November 13, 2007, your Board approved the scope of work, schedule and total project budget of \$1,473,000 for the design and construction of the Valinda Avenue Greening Project. The revised total project budget of \$1,430,500 reflects a net decrease of \$42,500 from the previously approved project budget. The decrease is due to a reduction in design costs, which resulted from the elimination of the exercise par course due to maintenance and other concerns. The project schedule was revised to accommodate a longer review period due to the scope revisions and to ensure that comments from all concerned were addressed in the design phase. To minimize the impact of the extensions to the project schedule, approval of all three phases, Adopt, Advertise and Award is recommended.

The revised project consists of installation of landscaping and irrigation systems, construction of a bio-swale with water quality enhancing features, and approximately 2,100 linear feet of meandering walking path from Amar Road to Puente Creek.

The installation of landscaping and irrigation systems, construction of a bio-swale, and meandering walking path will be completed by a qualified construction contractor. The construction contract will be awarded to the Lowest Responsive and Responsible

Bidder through a competitive bid process as described herein (see Contracting Process). Plans and specifications of this project were completed by Public Works at a cost of \$140,000, which were funded by Public Works' Road and Flood funds and Proposition 62 funds.

### **Green Building/Sustainable Design**

This project will support the intent of your Board's Green Building/Sustainable Design policy by using drought tolerant landscaping and the construction of a bio-swale to drain, naturally filter and enhance percolation of storm and irrigation water run-off.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Community Services (Goal 6). The recommended action will improve the quality of life for the residents of Valinda by enhancing the aesthetics of Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) rights of way adjacent to Valinda Avenue from Amar Road to Puente Creek.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The revised total project cost estimate of \$1,430,500 includes \$140,000 for plans and specifications, and \$1,290,500 for construction and project management. The construction budget of \$1,290,500 includes \$975,000 for a construction contract, \$97,500 for change order contingency, and \$218,000 for County services, which includes project management, construction engineering, survey services, and construction technical support.

The project is funded by \$443,500 in one-time net County cost allocated for Enhanced Unincorporated Area Services, \$973,000 from the Puente Hills Landfill Community Benefit and Environmental Education Trust Fund, and \$14,000 in Road and Flood Funds.

The revised project budget reflects a net decrease of \$42,500 from the previously approved budget, which is due to a decrease of \$114,000 in County Services partially offset by a \$71,500 increase in cost estimates for construction at \$16,500, and plans and specifications at \$55,000.

Upon determination of other project funding priorities, we will return to your Board to recommend reallocation of the excess net County cost.

Sufficient appropriation for the project construction is included in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Proposed Capital Projects/Refurbishments Budget under C.P. No. 77502.

The Project Schedule and Project Budget Summary are included in Attachment A.

### **Operating Budget Impact**

Based on current landscaping maintenance contractor service rates, maintenance of the improvements is estimated at \$48,000 annually. These maintenance costs are anticipated to be incurred beginning in Fiscal Year 2008-09. Sufficient appropriation will be included in LACFCD's Fiscal Year 2008-09 Budget Request to fund the increased costs of landscape maintenance contractor services.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Your Board's approval of the C.P. 77502 is required to authorize the expenditure of the capital project funds for this project.

This project is to be completed in 80 working days. It is estimated the work will start in October 2008 and be completed in January 2009.

Delegating to the Acting Director of Public Works, or his designee, the authority to award and execute this construction contract allows an expedited contracting process to obtain a contractor for the construction of these improvements as soon as possible.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works. A standard contract, previously approved as to form by County Counsel, will be used.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal Income Tax laws.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

On November 13, 2007, Agenda Item No. 33, your Board found this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This project will be contracted on an open competitive basis. The contract will be awarded to the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder meeting the criteria established by your Board and the California Public Contract Code. To increase contractor awareness of our program to contract work to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to the responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to (1) comply with the County's Child Support Compliance Program; (2) report solicitation of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees; (3) comply with the requirements of the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Program; and (4) comply with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The recommended actions will improve the quality of life for residents of Valinda by enhancing the aesthetics of LACFCD's rights of way adjacent to Valinda Avenue, from Amar Road to Puente Creek.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted, stamped copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division; one to Public Works, Programs Development Division and Construction Division; and return the sealed plans and specifications to Public Works for filing.

Respectfully submitted,

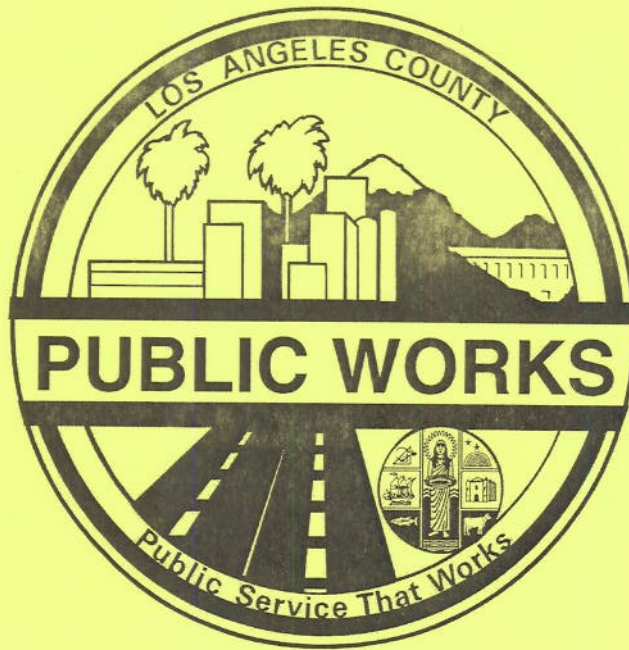
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WILLIAM T FUJIOKA  
Chief Executive Officer

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**Attachments**

c: Auditor-Controller  
County Counsel  
Department of Public Works  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance



NOTICE INVITING BIDS,  
SPECIAL PROVISIONS

AND

SAMPLE AGREEMENT

FOR

PROJECT ID NO. FCC0001076

VALINDA AVENUE GREENING PROJECT

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND  
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By [Signature], Deputy

Approved, DEAN D. EFSTATHIOU, Acting Director of Public Works

By

[Signature: Patrick V. DeChellis]  
Deputy Director

6-15-2008

Date

## **ATTACHMENT A**

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### **I. PROJECT SCHEDULE**

<b>Project Activity</b>	<b>Scheduled Completion Date</b>
Project Needs Assessment	N/A
Project Feasibility	N/A
Project Program Validation	N/A
Design	03/20/08*
Construction Contract Award	08/12/08
Construction Field Acceptance Final Acceptance	5/9/09 7/14/09

\*Actual completion date.



**PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY**

<b>Budget Category</b>	<b>Approved Estimated Budget</b>	<b>Impact of this Action</b>	<b>Revised Estimated Budget</b>
Land Acquisition	N/A	N/A	N/A
Construction			
(a) Construction	\$ 960,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 975,000
(b) Change Orders	<u>\$ 96,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,500</u>	<u>\$ 97,500</u>
	\$1,056,000	\$ 16,500	\$1,072,500
Equipment	N/A	N/A	N/A
Plans and Specifications			
(a) Net County Cost	\$ 85,000	\$ 41,000	\$ 126,000
(b) Road/Flood Fund	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 14,000</u>	<u>\$ 14,000</u>
	\$ 85,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 140,000
Consultant Services	N/A	N/A	N/A
Miscellaneous Expenditures	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jurisdictional Review and Plan Check	N/A	N/A	N/A
County Services	\$ 332,000	(\$ 114,000)	\$ 218,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,473,000</b>	<b>(\$ 42,500)</b>	<b>\$1,430,500</b>